

# Ad-hoc Agricultural Assessment Work Group

7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740

## Meeting Minutes 07/30/14

The meeting was called to order at 4:12 PM.

Committee members: John Keshick, Marci Reyes, Mike Naganashe

Tribal Councilor(s) present: None

Legislative Branch Staff: Legislative Office Manager Michele LaCount, Legislative Administrative Assistant Tamara Kiogima, Legislative Treasury Director Michael Garrow

Executive Staff/Official Present: Tribal Chairman Fred Kiogima

Guests: Doug Schlappi, Vicki Reyes

Motion by Councilor Naganashe and supported by Treasurer Reyes to adopt the agenda of July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014 as amended.

3-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent

Motion Carried.

Motion by Treasurer Reyes and supported by Councilor Naganashe to approve the minutes of July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014 as corrected.

3-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent

Motion Carried.

Motion by Councilor Naganashe and supported by Treasurer Reyes to recommend to Appropriations and Finance to appropriate by Tribal Resolution \$3,000 for farm repair maintenance.

3-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent

Motion Carried.

Update on Fish Compost, the best way to manage IE: LLC (Oneida visit) Keep as program for grant purposes for the use of fish compost from Odawa Fisheries, Inc., (OFI). There are two grants available and should apply for both. Legislative Services Attorney Budnick to work on. Odawa Fisheries, Inc. will commit at no cost.

Legislative Services Attorney Budnick: Special committee of OFI, Agricultural Assessment Work Group (AAWG), Grants and Doug Craven.

Discussion: Forest Management Plan, not complete.

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11:00 AM Thursday Tribal Council meeting: Oneida Farm visit will provide a presentation for doing tours of Native American Casino's located on water fronts as a joint venture with other tribes for tour bus operations. Oneida will sponsor AAWG and the farmer to go tour Oneida. AAWG requested that the Gaming Authority Committee (GAC) invite marketing director to this presentation.

Motion made by Councilor Naganashe supported by Treasurer Reyes to approve and accept the invitation from Oneida (Wisconsin) Division Director Joan Buckley for travel to Oneida August 21-22 to attend their Fact Finding Tour of their Organic Farm.

3-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent

Motion Carried.

5:12 PM Recess

5:28 PM Return

Legislative Attorney Services Budnick spoke on USDA Grant. Looking at a sub-committee regarding fish composting (cash crop). Conduct a market study. Competing business and viable interest difficult to do both but have potential for viable business.

5:52 PM Recess

5:59 PM Return

Discussion Councilor Reyes talked to Bliss Store-Interested in buying crops. They have a Facebook page and Farmer Market. Carp Lake General Store is also interested. Jureks only in interested in tomatoes.

Discussion Councilor Reyes requested by Larry Dyer and North Central Michigan College to speak at a workshop on Sept. 17, regarding Seed Savers.

Discussion Councilor Reyes regarding farmhouse usage. There is a possibility to rent to Polo Club Members June thru mid-August each year.

Discussion: In regards to WIFI, Casino purchasing, produce and signage.

Discussion: How to segregate farm house profits and farm land profit with regards to obtaining grants.

Farmer Doug Schlappi report: Trying to get tractors running, irrigation not up to par, broccoli, tomatoes, squashes and pumpkins are planted.

Discussion: In regards to renewable energy and well pump.

Councilor Keshick: Had one community service worker last week work for five hours. Jeff Budnick will be volunteering for house and barn repairs. Material cost only.

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Treasurer Reyes: Has volunteers for painting.

Discussion: Removal of dead trees around the house.

Discussion: Office manager to order porter potties for use end of season. (Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014)  
Committees to put together wash station.

Discussion: Mulcher for sale for \$1,000 up to \$1500. Not to exceed \$2,500 check request.

Motion made by Treasurer Reyes supported by Councilor Naganashe to request Office Manger to arrange porter potty service at the farm, Ziibimijwang.

3-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent

Motion Carried.

Motion made by Councilor Naganashe supported by Treasurer Reyes to authorize Doug Schlappi to negotiate purchase of the mulcher.

3-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent

Motion Carried.

Public Comment opened at 7:13 PM

Vicki Reyes spoke in support of AAWG and their ideas for the farm.

Public Comment closed at 7:14 PM

Next meeting: August 27, 2014 at 4 PM

7:15 PM Motion made by Councilor Naganashe supported by Treasurer Reyes to adjourn.

3-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent

Motion Carried.